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FROM THE CHIEF JUDGE . . .

IT'S HERE!!

After many months of concerted effort on the part of our Clerk's Office, the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Kansas is about to implement to Electronic Case Filing system. While we had initially intended to provide a series of "live" training sessions and to make attending those sessions a prerequisite to obtaining a password, we have now concluded that many lawyers in the District already have at least some experience with CMECF, either through practicing in the Western District of Missouri or in the District Court here in Kansas. In an effort to conserve your time and everyone's resources, we have decided to phase in the ECF system as follows.

Attorney training is now available via our website (www.ksb.uscourts.gov) in the form of an on-line manual and Computer Based Training (CBT) modules. Review of these materials will enable those with CM/ECF experience elsewhere, to quickly become familiar with the Kansas system. Request a training password via e-mail at training@ksb.uscourts.gov. After you are comfortable with the Kansas system, you will be asked to complete a quiz and a "Connectivity Confirmation Exercise" (homework assignment) in the train database (filing a pleading, uploading a case, etc.). Once you have passed the quiz and the homework assignment, you will be issued a password and you may begin to file electronically immediately. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to go live as soon as possible.

We will offer limited classroom/lecture training opportunities for attorneys and staff on a basis to be announced. Those training opportunities will be offered in the three Divisional courthouses and will be announced shortly.

ECF filing will become mandatory in the Bankruptcy Court in this District not later than September 1. I encourage you to use this summer to get trained and "get the bugs out." It would not be possible for us to finally make this leap without the services of our staff who have literally worked 7 days a week to make this project finally become a reality. It has been a long time coming, but I think you'll find that Kansas Bankruptcy ECF is uniquely adapted to how we do Court business here and that your transition to it will be smooth. Many of you have offered helpful advice, served on steering committees, and generally contributed to the success of this project. Thanks to you and thanks in advance for your cooperation and patience as Bankr. D. Kan. enters the digital age to stay.

s/ Robert E. Nugent
Chief Bankruptcy Judge
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